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Subject: RE: Nominations for participation in the Varroa Summit

Thanks for this update. We will get back to you by the end of the week.

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Dear Ray,

I apologize for the delay in responding, but the holidays inevitably got in the way! Thanks very much for all of your good suggestions. The CCD and Honey Bee Health Steering Committee discussed your nominations and made the following recommendations:

- 1) Invite 10 individuals from the agrichemical industry (which includes yourself, David Fischer, Jerry Hayes, Barbara Glenn, either Alex Inberg or Merav Gleit as speakers. Please select 4-5 additional names from your list that have a role in Varroa mite research. We are inviting an equivalent number of beekeepers and commodity groups affected by pollinators to attend.
- 2) Include 2 speakers representing the agrichemical industry. Barbara already accepted our invitation to speak, so if your group had someone else in mind, please work it out with Barbara and then let us know. In addition, either Alex Inberg or Merav Gleit may substitute for Eric Mussen in the mite control/resistance management section on day 1.
- 3) Send me the selections and we'll send out the invitations.

Unfortunately, federal employees are prohibited from handling money directly, so we cannot charge a registration fee. I believe the almond board has offered to contribute funds to help defray some of these costs. We truly appreciate the interest your group has in this meeting and we are equally excited about the potential for this meeting to bring about positive changes for pollinator health. Please let me know at your earliest convenience the names of the additional 4-5 invitees. See you on February 18th!

Mary

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Mary:

We would like to add the following names to the list, from our sister organization, RISE (Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment, representing specialty pesticides).

Dr. Carlos Bogan, OHP, Cbogan@ohp.com

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Importance: High

Mary:

Thank you very much for taking time today to share progress on the planning for the Varroa Summit. We are all very excited about this event. It offers an excellent opportunity to gauge progress against this most important health threat to managed honey bees, and make connections for improving future research performance.

We would encourage an open invitation be extended for the Varroa Summit on February 18 and 19, with registration required. Open participation will improve the information exchange and outcome of the Summit.

We recommend that additional industry presentations be included on the agenda to inform the Summit participants of relevant research addressing Varroa control technologies. Of particular interest would be the following:

- Dick Rogers (Bayer) – approaches to protecting managed honeybees from Varroa mites
- Merav Gleit (Beeologics/Monsanto): Development of field studies to measure honey bee health

- Alex Inberg (Beeologics/Monsanto): Use of RNAi to control Varroa/virus complexes in honey bees

Drs. Gleit and Inberg are located in Israel, and would need sufficient notice to make preparations to participate.

Attached is a spreadsheet file of additional individuals we would recommend be invited to participate in the Summit. On the list are nine academics, one beekeeper representative (from Canada), about 10 from the international industry sector, about 30 names affiliated with CropLife America and its members, and a few more individuals. We have not included some names of industry representative who have already received invitations. The information in the spreadsheet regarding position, contact details, and expertise is not complete. Please let me know if we can assist in providing more information on any of the individuals, also if individual companies should prioritize the names from their respective companies.

The industry list includes most of CLA's Pollinator Issue Management Team. If all are invited you won't get 100% acceptance. Many would be interested in an observer role, such as was mentioned in today's phone call. An international presence (including industry) would enhance the outcome and perspective on the Summit, as the varroa problem is broadly shared. Kellie Bray and Beau Greenwood of CLA will separately contact you with their thoughts on invitations to Congressional Staff.

We recognize the importance of balance in participation. However, I hope that potentially lower acceptance of invitations by one group does not mean other groups would have to reduce their participation.

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